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SUBJ: VISIT OF BEWT TRADE DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANT OFFICER BOWIE

REFS: A) USDOC 13431, B) USDOC 14784; C) BERLIN 6483;

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1. WHILE WE WOULD ORDINARILY WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPAND OUR RANGE OF CONTACTS AND EXPOSURE IN THE GDR THROUGH DEVICES SUCH AS THE BOWIE VISIT, WE HAVE DECIDED TO OVERRULE OUR EARLIER JUDGEMENT (REF C). WE BELIEVE THAT EVEN THOUGH A GENERAL DISCUSSION OF COMMERCIAL AVIATION, GENERAL AVIATION, AND AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT WITH GDR OFFICIALS WOULD NOT NECESSARILY BE HARMFUL TO US INTERESTS, THE TOPIC IS CLOSE ENOUGH TO THE IMPORTANT AND SENSITIVE SUBJECT OF BERLIN AVIATION THAT WE CANNOT EXCLUDE THE POSSIBILITY OF THE GDR'S MISUSING BOWIE'S VISIT FOR ITS OWN PURPOSES.

2. IT WOULD BE AWKWARD, BUT POSSIBLE, TO LET STAND AN EMBASSY REQUEST FOR ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY APPOINTMENTS. IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, HOWEVER, WE RECOMMEND THAT THE PROPOSED VISIT BE CANCELLED IN ITS ENTIRETY.

3. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT'S CONCURRENCE
ASAP.COOPER

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